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SUBJ: FRENCH VIEWS RE ENERGY CONFERENCE AND PREPARATIONS
FOR 7TH SPECIAL SESSION

1. AMB FERGUSON HAD OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS
RE SUBJECT WITH MINISTER-COUNSELLOR ROUGET, FRENCH
UN MISSION, WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM DUTY IN PARIS
AS SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO AMB DE GUIRINGAUD IN
PREPARATION FOR THE FRENCH INITIATED ENERGY CONFERENCE.

2. FOLLOWING POINTS EMERGED FROM DISCUSSION:

A) GISCARD D'ESTAING PUTS HIGHEST PRIORITY ON ENERGY
CONFERENCE AND HAS PRE-EMPTED QUAI ESTABLISHMENT TO
HAD FASHION TASK FORCE DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO HIM.
IN THIS CONNECTION, ROUGE INDICATED QUAI ESTABLISHMENT
QUITE UPSET OVER GISCARD D'ESTAING'S ASSIGNING LINE
AMBASSADOR FROM FIELD POST TO TASK WHICH THEY CONSIDER
LOGICALLY SHOULD BE RESPONSIBILITY OF QUAI.

B) FRENCH ARE NOT REPEAT NOT DISTURBED BY DAKAR
DECLARATION CALLING FOR BROADENING OF THE CONFERENCE
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TO INCLUDE RAW MATERIALS, ROUGE OBSERVING THAT FRENCH

ANTICIPATE "UN SOLUTION", I.E., EVERYBODY WILL TALK ABOUT RAW MATERIALS BUT NOTHING WILL BE DONE;
C) PARIS ESTABLISHMENT GREATLY DISTURBED BY DAKAR DECLARATION THAT G-77 WILL DESIGNATE THE REPS OF UNDER-DEVELOPED WORLD;
D) FRENCH VERY INSISTENT THAT MARCH MEETING BE LIMITED TO TRUE PREPARATION, I.E. SETTING TIME, PLACE AND AGENDA FOR ENERGY CONFERENCE, WITH NO DISCUSSION OF SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES. ROUGE STATED THAT IN EXTENSIVE EXCHANGES WITH ALGERIANS, ALGERIANS INSISTING THAT SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS COMMENCE IN PREP CON. IN THIS CONNECTION, ROUGE INDICATED FRENCH INTEND TO MAINTAIN POSITION THAT NO SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS TAKE PLACE IN PREP CON; AND.
E) DE GUIRINGUAD INSISTS THAT PREP CON BE LIMITED TO NOT MORE THAN 36, ALTHOUGH ROUGE OBSERVED THAT THE PRESIDENT IS PERSUADED THAT NUMBER OF INVITEES IS NOT CRUCIAL TO OUTCOME.

3. ON SPECIAL SESSION, ROUGE INDICATED THAT ONLY LAST WEEKEND WERE THEY ABLE TO GET HIGH-LEVEL ATTENTION IN THE QUAI TO THE PROBLEM OF PREPARATION FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION. HE FURTHER STATED THAT THE OBVIOUS ISSUES WOULD REVOLVE AROUND PROBLEMS OF INDEXATION, COMMODITY AGREEMENTS AND BUFFER STOCKS AND THE LINKAGE TO OIL.
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